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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF TAIWANESE PILOT AND ARTILLERY  
INSTRUCTORS FROM CAMBODIA

1. ONE OF THE INCIDENTAL CASUALTIES OF AUGUST 15  
APPEARS TO BE REPUBLIC OF CHINA MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
TO THE GKR. IN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST, THE ROC  
MISSION HERE SENT "ON VACATION" THE TEN POLITICAL  
WARFARE INSTRUCTORS STATIONED IN PHNOM PENH, THE SEVEN  
ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS ALSO STATIONED IN THE CAPITAL,  
AND THE 12 T-41 PILOT INSTRUCTORS STATIONED IN  
BATTAMBANG, AS WELL AS THE MILITARY ATTACHE.

2. ROC REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL TUNG TELLS US THAT THE  
MOVE WAS NOT REALLY EVACUATION-RELATED. HOWEVER, HE  
CLAIMS THAT TAIPEI HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO FURNISH HIM  
AN EXPLANATION, OTHER THAN THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE  
ROC TO END ALL MILITARY ASSOCIATION WITH THE GKR "FOR  
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL REASONS". TUNG SPECULATES THAT  
PUBLICITY GIVEN THE POLITICAL WARFARE INSTRUCTORS IN  
PHNOM PENH AND SOME INCIDENTS RELATING TO KHMER  
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POLITICAL WARFARE TRAINEES IN TAIWAN MAY HAVE LED TO THE

WITHDRAWAL.

3. THE POLITICAL WARFARE INSTRUCTORS WERE OF NO ACCOUNT. HOWEVER THE PILOT AND ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS PLAYED A VITAL FUNCTION IN IMPROVING FANK PERFORMANCE. SPECIFICALLY:

A. THE ROC HAS PROVIDED 12 INSTRUCTOR PILOTS WHO HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR OVER ONE YEAR IN THE UNDERGRADUATE PILOT SCHOOL AT BATTAMBANG. THESE INSTRUCTORS HAVE PRODUCED OVER 100 PILOT GRADUATES. THEIR UNEXPECTED WITHDRAWAL LEAVES THE UNDERGRADUATE PILOT SCHOOL IN CRITICAL CONDITION, WITH ONLY FOUR QUALIFIED KAF T-41 INSTRUCTOR PILOTS. ALL FOUR OF THESE KAF PILOTS OCCUPY KEY STAFF POSITIONS ON THE BASE AND IN THE SCHOOL, AND ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO FLY ON A FULL-TIME BASIS. THE SCHOOL HAS COME TO A GRINDING HALT.

B. THE ROC ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO THE FANK ARTILLERY SCHOOL HAVE PROVIDED THE GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION NECESSARY TO CONDUCT ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING IN THE SPECIALTY AREAS OF FIRE DIRECTION PROCEDURES, FORWARD OBSERVATION, CANNON GUNNERY, AND ARTILLERY COMMUNICATIONS. THE PRESENT FANK INSTRUCTOR EXPERTISE AT THIS SCHOOL IS DEFICIENT. SUPERVISION OF THE SCHOOL STAFF AND CADRE IS ESSENTIAL IN THE AREAS OF COURSE AND CLASS CONTENT, METHODS OF INSTRUCTION AND CORRECTNESS OF MATERIAL. THE GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE ROC INSTRUCTORS HAS ENABLED THE FANK TO MAKE MUCH PROGRESS IN THE ARTILLERY FIELD. ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF SUCH PERSONNEL AS THE HIGHLY QUALIFIED ROC INSTRUCTORS. SINCE AUGUST 15, FANK ARTILLERY HAS ASSUMED A POSITION OF EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE SINCE IT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STRUGGLING KHMER AIR FORCE, MUST REPLACE THE LARGE QUANTITY OF EFFECTIVE U.S. AIR POWER PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED.

4. FOR SECSTATE/SECDEF: REQUEST YOU AUTHORIZE AMEMBASSY TAIPEI TO DETERMINE CAUSES OF ROC PULLOUT SO THAT AN EFFORT CAN BE MOUNTED TO ENCOURAGE THE RETURN OF THE PILOT AND ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS. NOTE ALSO THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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CAMBODIA HAS URGENT NEED FOR FIFTEEN C-47 PILOTS TO FLY NON-COMBATANT SUPPLY MISSIONS. THE ROC WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE THEM. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE THIS ITEM SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN ANY EFFORTS TO GET THE ROC TO COME BACK INTO CAMBODIA.  
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